

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1–63 are pending in the application. Claim 27 has been allowed. Claims 25 and 55 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1-24, 26, 28, 31-54, and 56-63 have been rejected. By this paper, claims 28-30 and 60-63 have been cancelled.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 29 and 30.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner pointed out that the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 16, 2007, omitted a foreign reference. Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that supplies a copy of the omitted reference.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-24, 26, 28, 31-54, and 56-63 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,295,608. Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 28 and 60-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gebler (6,356,589) in view of Puri (6,968,006). To advance

prosecution of the application, Applicants have cancelled claims 28 and 60-63 without prejudice or disclaimer and reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Applicants have cancelled all claims rejected on prior art grounds and have filed a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. There being no other rejections or objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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